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Art Unit	1636
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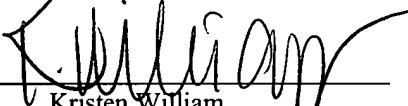
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Dear Sir:

This submission responds to the Examiner's Advisory Action, mailed September 28, 2004 in the above-identified application. This Amendment is offered in lieu of the Amendment and Response after Final Rejection filed on August 18, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently, along with a petition for a one-month extension of the time to file an Appeal Brief. It is believed that the fees incurred by this submission are \$395 (RCE fee) and \$55 (one-month extension fee). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the total fees due,

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